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Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 7-15-03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT codes: 95900-27 and 95935-27.

II. FINDINGS & RATIONALE

DOS	CPT CODE	Billed	Paid per TWCC60 Table	EOB Denial Code	MAR\$ (Maximum Allowable Reimbursement)	Reference	Rationale
3-4-03	95900-27 (X4)	\$256.00	\$166.40	F	\$64.00 / nerve X 70% = \$44.80	Medicine GR (IV)	Nerve studies report indicates that motor nerve studies were performed bilaterally on tibial and peroneal nerves; therefore, appropriate reimbursement for 95900-27 is 4 X \$44.80= \$179.20. The difference between amount paid and MAR = \$179.20 minus \$166.40 = \$12.80.
3-4-03	95935-27 (X6)	\$384.00	\$189.40	F	\$53.00/ extremity x 70% = \$37.10		Nerve study report indicates that H and F-wave studies were performed on the lower extremities. The respondent contends that the compensable injury is limited to lower left extremity. Per MFG, Medicine GR (IV)(B)(2)(b), only one F-wave is allowed for reimbursement. Per Medicine GR (IV)(B)(2)(d) two H-wave studies is allowed; therefore, the appropriate reimbursement is \$37.10 X 3 = \$111.30. No additional reimbursement is allowed.

III. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT codes 95900-27 and 95935-27 in the amount of \$ 12.80. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit \$12.80 plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 04th day of March 2004.

Elizabeth Pickle Medical Dispute Resolution Officer Medical Review Division